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1. (currently amended) A composition for the prevention or control of coccidiosis comprising viable non-attenuated sporulated oocysts of at least one species of protozoa known to cause coccidiosis, wherein said composition is sterile and contains at least about 10,000 oocysts per milliliter and less than about 0.8% 0.4% by weight of alkali metal dichromate, and wherein said oocysts have been separated by tangential flow filtration from an aqueous medium containing bacterial contaminants using a filter membrane with a pore size such that sporulated oocysts can not enter the pores, but bacteria can pass through the pores.